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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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Dear Mr. Oelman:

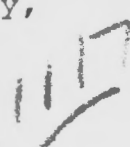
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Chief of Staff to the President

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Dear Herman:

Thank you for your letter of October 26 and for the very kind words of support and confidence. I agree that there is still much to be accomplished, and it's good to have your encouragement.

I will be sure to pass along your letter addressed to the President so that he too is aware of your views and friendship. You can be sure that your interest is appreciated.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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Dear Dr. Pordy:

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President and Chief Executive Officer
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The Bankers Committee for
Tax Equality
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American Road & Transportation
Builders Association
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Northrop Corporation
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President
The Pennsylvania Farmers Association
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011

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Toward that goal, I very much appreciated your thoughts on how this might best be accomplished, and I have passed them along to others who are involved in the negotiations. I remain hopeful that an agreement can be reached which will meet our goals and take a positive step toward solving the deficit.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Thomas J. Donohue
President and Chief Executive Officer
American Trucking Associations, Inc.
2200 Mill Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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cc: Dan Crippen, WW
cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

November 17, 1987

Dear Red:

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Red Cavaney
President
American Paper Institute
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1250 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

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November 17, 1987

Dear Barry:

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Barry M. Cullen
President
National Forest Products Association
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1250 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

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November 17, 1987

Dear Harry:

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Harry Sullivan
Senior Vice President and
General Counsel
Food Marketing Institute
1750 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

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November 17, 1987

Dear Bo:

Thank you for letting me know your views about the deficit situation and the various proposals which have been receiving attention. The negotiations are ongoing, and every attempt is being made to arrive at a bipartisan agreement.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Bo Roberts
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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

November 17, 1987

Dear Hamish:

I apologize for the delay in responding to your letter of September 22. Circumstances have been changing so rapidly that it has been difficult to give you a reply which won't have been overtaken by events by the time you receive it. Unfortunately, that is still the situation. However, I can fill you in on developments to this point.

As you know, we are now engaged in discussion with Congress to see if we can achieve some agreement that will continue last year's success in reducing the Federal budget deficit. The purpose of this first round of negotiations is to establish broad parameters of a possible agreement between the President and the Congress. If and when such an agreement is reached, there will be a second round of talks concerning the specifics of the package, including particular tax provisions. At that stage, I anticipate that Jim Baker will be our chief spokesman on tax issues. He will negotiate directly with the two tax-writing committees to see if we can come up with an acceptable bill.

The President has instructed all of us, as he has said publicly, that virtually everything should be on the table. Therefore, it would be a violation of those instructions for me to flatly rule out anything. I can tell you, however, that he has not said, nor has anyone in our negotiations, that an increase in excise taxes on cigarettes or beer would be acceptable.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Hamish Maxwell
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Philip Morris Companies, Inc.
120 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10017

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

November 17, 1987

Dear Carey:

Thank you for your letter of October 28. The purpose of this first round of negotiations is to establish broad parameters of a possible agreement between the President and the Congress on the budget. If and when such an agreement is reached, there will be a second round of talks concerning the specifics of the package, including particular tax provisions. At that stage, I anticipate that Jim Baker will be our chief spokesman on tax issues. He will negotiate directly with the two tax-writing committees to see if we can come up with an acceptable bill.

As I'm sure you're aware, there are several provisions in the existing bills that are cause for great concern. Obviously, we'll seek to remove them as we proceed. In the interim, I've taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to Don Chapoton who heads the tax policy shop at Treasury. I'll also make sure that Jim Baker is aware of your concerns.

It was good to hear from you again, and I hope we'll have a chance to meet when I next visit Chattanooga.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. H. Carey Hanlin
President
Provident Life & Accident
Insurance Company
Chattanooga, TN 37402

cc: Don Chapoton (Treasury) w/copy of incmg. Jim Baker
w/copy of incmg.

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

November 18, 1987

Dear Roger:

Thank you for letting me know your views about the deficit situation and the various proposals which have been receiving attention. The negotiations are ongoing, and every attempt is being made to arrive at a bipartisan agreement.

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Toward that goal, I very much appreciated your thoughts on how this might best be accomplished, and I have passed them along to others who are involved in the negotiations. I remain hopeful that an agreement can be reached which will meet our goals and take a positive step toward solving the deficit.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Roger B. Smith
Chairman
The Business Roundtable
1615 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

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November 18, 1987

Dear Ms. Gray:

Thank you for your thoughtful message. I appreciate your friendship, but I do not plan to run for office in 1988. It is my intention to serve President Reagan until the end of his term.

Your words of encouragement mean a great deal to me. Please accept my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Ms. Stasia Gray
747 Buffington Street
Somerset, MA 02726

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November 18, 1987

Dear Mrs. Newth:

Thank you for your thoughtful message. I appreciate your friendship, but I do not plan to run for office in 1988. It is my intention to serve President Reagan until the end of his term.

Your words of encouragement mean a great deal to me. Please accept my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mrs. Robert H. Newth
228 Twin Oaks Drive
San Angelo, TX 76901

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

November 18, 1987

Dear Mr. Alloway:

Thank you for your recent message.

It was good of you to tell me where you stand on these significant issues. You have no idea how helpful it is for me to hear directly from the American people. I will share your comments with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Samuel P. Alloway, Jr.
Retreat Road at Route 206
Vincentown, NJ 08088

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

November 18, 1987

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Thank you for your recent message.

It was good of you to tell me where you stand on these significant issues. You have no idea how helpful it is for me to hear directly from the American people. I will share your comments with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. George H. Schmidt
3903 West 147th Street
Hawthorne, CA 90250

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

November 18, 1987

Dear Ms. Albert:

Thank you for your message and thoughtful words of support.

I appreciate your bringing your observations to my attention. I will be sure to share these views with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

Again, thank you for your interest and encouragement.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Ms. Loretta Albert
65 Foxridge Road
West Hartford, CT 06107

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

November 18, 1987

Dear Mr. Wadsworth:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. William Victor Wadsworth
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Apartment 101
8579 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

November 18, 1987

Dear Mr. Magnuson:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. C. Magnuson
58 Front Street, North
Issaquah, WA 98027

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November 18, 1987

Dear Mr. Winston:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Benjamin E. Winston
4511 South Ocean Boulevard
Highland Beach, FL 33431

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November 18, 1987

Dear Mrs. Turner:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mrs. Alison J. Turner
6515 Stefanie Drive
Dallas, TX 75225

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November 18, 1987

Dear Mr. Hunter:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Jeremy Keith Hunter
2922 Hermitage Avenue
Fayetteville, NC 28304

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November 18, 1987

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Richard A. Kelley
7 Woods End Road
Rumson, NJ 07760

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November 18, 1987

Dear Mr. Taft:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Paul Taft
Taft Broadcasting Corporation
4808 San Felipe Road
Houston, TX 77056

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November 18, 1987

Dear Mrs. Sheppard:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mrs. Lenore M. Sheppard
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Toronto, Ontario
Canada M8Y 2E3

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November 18, 1987

Dear Mrs. Moore:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mrs. Charlotte Moore
2600 Glencroft Road
Vienna, VA 22180

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

November 18, 1987

Dear Ms. Jones:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Ms. Lou Ann P. Jones
812 Arbor
Wheaton, IL 60187

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MAILGRAM - November 18, 1987

Mr. Brian McCormack
Mr. Michael McCormack
World Hello Day
Post Office Box 993
Omaha, Nebraska 68101
(402) 558-2998

Hello!

I am happy to greet everyone taking part in the 15th annual World Hello Day on November 21. Your efforts capture a great truth -- that peace begins with each of us, in our homes and offices, in our streets and schools, in our farms and factories. By fostering personal communication you're encouraging people to overcome barriers to the friendship, understanding, reconciliation, and peace the world needs so much.

On this special occasion, may the spirit of "Hello!" fill our hearts, brighten our smiles, and bring us a little closer to the day when all mankind will live in harmony and peace.

God bless you.

RONALD REAGAN

RR:DC:DE:AVH:ltd PM79
cc: K.Osborne/H.Baker/Pres.Msgs.Rm.18/D.Clancy/CF
EVENT: Nov 21 87
DUE: Nov 21 87
11/18 World Hello Day

November 18, 1987

Dear Judge McConnell:

Thanks for your message recommending a woman for appointment as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

As you know, the President nominated Judge Anthony M. Kennedy for this important post on November 11. Nevertheless, I appreciate hearing from you and having the benefit of your views.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Judith McConnell
President
National Association of Women Judges
2851 Meadow Lark Drive
San Diego, CA 92123

HNB:LRC:CAD:jz (11HNB)
Enclosure: 11/11/87 Press Release on nomination of Anthony M.
Kennedy

cc: Lorraine Camarano
cc: w/copy of incoming to A. B. Culvahouse

#Kennedy

November 18, 1987

Dear General Graham:

Thanks for your message recommending Judge Will Garwood for appointment as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

As you know, the President nominated Judge Anthony M. Kennedy for this important post on November 11. Nevertheless, I appreciate hearing from you and having the benefit of your views.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

LTG Daniel O. Graham, USA, Ret.
Director
High Frontier
Suite 1000
1010 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

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#Kennedy

November 18, 1987

Dear Mr. Huestis:

Thank you for letting me know your views about the deficit situation and the various proposals which have been receiving attention. The negotiations are ongoing, and every attempt is being made to arrive at a bipartisan agreement.

Some things are clear. The President remains opposed to any tax rate hike. This would be a step in the wrong direction which could chill the economy. Further, any agreement must include significant spending cuts -- and I am convinced that those are possible. Finally, a mechanism must be found to ensure that the agreement cannot be changed by Congress. We have been there before.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Dana Huestis
President
The Associated General Contractors
of America
1957 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

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cc: Dan Crippen, WW
cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

November 18, 1987

Dear Sandy:

Thank you for letting me know your views about the deficit situation and the various proposals which have been receiving attention. The negotiations are ongoing, and every attempt is being made to arrive at a bipartisan agreement.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Alexander B. Trowbridge
President
National Association of Manufacturers
Suite 1500 - North Lobby
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004-1703

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

November 18, 1987

Dear John:

Thanks for your message recommending Judge William W. Wilkins, Jr. for appointment as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

As you know, the President nominated Judge Anthony M. Kennedy for this important post on November 11. Nevertheless, I appreciate hearing from you and having the benefit of your views.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable John C. West
Post Office Drawer 13
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 29938

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#Kennedy

November 18, 1987

Dear Mac:

Thanks for your message recommending Judge Harry Wellford for appointment as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

As you know, the President nominated Judge Anthony M. Kennedy for this important post on November 11. Nevertheless, I appreciate hearing from you and having the benefit of your views.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Maclin P. Davis, Jr.
Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis
2100 One Commerce Place
Nashville, TN 37239

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Kennedy
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#Kennedy

November 18, 1987

Dear Don:

Thanks for your message on behalf of Phil Hayes recommending Judge Thomas A. Higgins for appointment as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

As you know, the President nominated Judge Anthony M. Kennedy for this important post on November 11. Nevertheless, I appreciate hearing from you and having the benefit of your views.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Don Sundquist
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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